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# **SB 1354**

Introduced by  
Senator Allen

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2220, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 36-2220, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4              36-2220. Records: confidentiality; definition

5       A. Information developed and records kept by the department or a  
6 political subdivision of this state for the purpose of administering or  
7 evaluating the Arizona emergency medical services system or for the trauma  
8 system are available to the public except:

9              1. Any patient record including clinical records, prehospital care  
10 records, medical reports, laboratory statements and reports, any file, film,  
11 record or report or oral statement relating to diagnostic findings, treatment  
12 or outcome of patients, whether written or recorded, and any information from  
13 which a patient, the patient's family or the patient's health care provider  
14 or facility might be identified except records, files and information shall  
15 be available to the patient, the patient's guardian or the patient's agent.

16              2. Information obtained for purposes of chapter 25 or chapter 4,  
17 article 5 of this title.

18              B. Unless otherwise provided by law, all medical records developed and  
19 kept by a prehospital component of the statewide trauma system and  
20 information contained in these records are confidential and may not be  
21 released to the public without written authorization by the patient, the  
22 patient's guardian or the patient's agent.

23              C. Notwithstanding subsection B OF THIS SECTION, a prehospital  
24 incident history report completed and kept by a nonhospital political  
25 subdivision of this state is available to the public except for information  
26 in that report that is protected from disclosure by the laws of this state or  
27 federal law including but not limited to confidential patient treatment  
28 information.

29              D. Patient records and medical records covered by this section may be  
30 obtained pursuant to section 12-2294.01.

31              E. INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
32 PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION THAT IS  
33 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE THAT RELATES TO PARAMEDICS AND EMERGENCY  
34 MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION  
35 OR CIVIL DISCOVERY.

36              F. For the purposes of this section, "prehospital incident history  
37 report" means a record of the prehospital response, nature of the incident  
38 and transportation of an emergency medical services patient that is  
39 documented on a prehospital incident history report.